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EDITORIAL

Last month this magazine was a great success. In fact we did not have quite enough copies. One of the reasons we sold so many copies was because people wanted to see what it was like, and they liked it. We are glad that you were all so pleased with it. It is to be still better with Thanksgiving stories in it this month.

Thanksgiving is coming around again so we must all be of good cheer. Because if you are cheerful it makes the people around you cheerful and if you are gloomy it makes other people gloomy. So be cheerful and hopeful and thankful.

MARIAN UPTON, Age 10.

A ROMAN TRIUMPH

If a Roman had won some great battle he had a triumph, which was a parade along the Sacred Way up the Capitoline Hill to the temple of Jupiter.

First of all came the senators, then came the trumpeters blowing their horns, next came wagons loaded with the spoils of the enemy. After that came the white bulls with gilded horns. Then came the strange beasts of the country they had been in. After that the prisoners, the most distinguished first. Next came the successful general in a golden starred toga with a laurel wreath on his head and in a chariot drawn by four horses. Lastly came the Roman legions singing songs and bandying jests with the crowd. When the procession got to the top of the hill it stopped and the prisoners were killed, and then the procession moved on to the temple where the white bulls were slain and the laurel wreath was presented to the Gods.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS, Age 10.

THANKSGIVING, 1620

Once upon this lonely shore,
The Pilgrims knelt to pray;
They thanked their God for all their store
Of blessings to that day.

MARIAN UPTON, Age 10.

A VISIT TO THE FIRE STATION

One morning the V and VI Grades went to the Fire Station. The Captain said he would be delighted to show us around.

He showed us how the alarm is given. The fire signal is sounded by a bell. It rings so loud that the man in his dining room across the street can hear it plainly. The bell is connected with a wheel with tape. The last fire was from box forty seven, and we looked at the tape and there were four holes, then a space, and seven holes. The bell is rung in at the police station at the same time. A minute later the whistle is blown. This is the reason that the engine is on the way to the fire before the whistle has stopped. There are some switches on the wall, which light up the whole room when the alarm rings.

The Captain had a book in which a record was kept of everything that happens in the Fire Station. It showed when a man went out to his lunch and when he returned. If there were a fire it would be written down in red, and if it were not a fire it would be in blue.

I was very much interested in the pumping engine. The water goes into it at one place and is forced out at another. The Captain showed us the wheel that released the water. He turned the wheel, and the water gushed out and wet one of the boys. There is a big dome on the top to make the stream steady.

We all went upstairs and saw the bedrooms. The Captain showed us how he got into his clothes in case of fire. Every night before he goes to bed he arranges his clothes. His trousers and suspenders are attached to his rubber boots. He jumps into them all at once. When a fireman is not ready, he is left behind. His coat and gloves are on the ladder and he puts them on while he is on the way.

Their rooms are kept very neat. The Captain was sweeping his room when we reached the station. On the desk were the inspectors' reports. The inspectors go around to buildings to see if there is rubbish around that might set the house on fire. In a week or two they go around to see if the matter has been attended to. The inspector said he thought it had prevented a good many fires. We all wished we could have stayed longer. We had had a lovely time, and hope you will enjoy the story.

VIRGINIA ENOS
RUTH ROPES
SALLY PARKER
RICHARD THOMPSON

THE PEDLER

A pedler stopped at a house and said to the woman, "Madame, would you like to buy some lace? Here is a beautiful table cloth."

"No, I don't wan't anything to-day."

"Oh, won't you buy this beautiful bureau scarf? It is only five dollars."

"I don't think I can buy to-day, but if you come again I will."

"Just this handkerchief, only fifty cents."

"Well, I'll buy the handkerchief. Here is the money."

"Thank you. Good-by, Madame."

KATHARINE SANDERS, Age 9.

THANKSGIVING

The turkey is the fattest thing
That we eat on Thanksgiving.
I also think mince pies are nice,
Because they have all kinds of spice.

OCTAVIA, Age 8.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY

Long ago Pilgrims came to America. They came on a ship called the Mayflower. They had a hard time.

After the winter was over the Pilgrims planted corn. In the fall they found they had enough to eat. In the morning they went to church. In the afternoon they gave a party.

MARIE MERRILL, Age 6.

I LOVE THANKSGIVING

I love Thanksgiving because I like to give poor people something to eat. It is a good day for me but not for the turkey.

MARGARET DAVIS, Age 7.

BITS OF SALEM HISTORY

ROGER WILLIAMS

Long ago when the Puritans were here, a man named Roger Williams came here from England. He wanted to preach, but after a while they would not let him because he would not preach the way they wanted him to. They sent a boat to get him and take him away, but he ran away in the woods to hide. He stayed in the woods for a long time. He slept in hollow trees and on the snow. Even when he was an old man he said he never could forget the coldness and chilliness of that journey. He went to Massasoit and lived with him for a while and then he went to Providence, Rhode Island, and made a settlement there.

ELINOR C. MAHONEY, Age 8.

THE WITCHES

Long ago the children made a lot of trouble, because they made queer noises, and their mothers thought that it was the witches and were frightened. They tried not to make the noises, but they could not stop doing it. The people took the witches up to Gallows Hill and hanged them.

JANICE VAUGHAN, Age 7.

COLONEL LESLIE AT THE NORTH BRIDGE

Once a long time ago the British came to Salem to capture some cannon from the colonists. The people heard that the British were coming and they tore up the bridge near the old South Mills so the British could not get across quickly. They had to repair the bridge before they could get across. Then they marched along to the North Bridge. The draw was raised and they could not get across. Colonel Leslie's orders from General Gage were to go over the bridge. Colonel Leslie told the people if they would lower the bridge he would cross the bridge and countermarch and go back to Boston.

BILLY SHREVE, Age 7.

GENERAL GAGE IN SALEM

When General Gage came to Salem they had a parade and a ball for him. The Court had been held in Boston and General Gage ordered it to be in Salem. There was going to be a big meeting at Philadelphia and the people picked out delegates to it. General Gage sent a messenger to the Court with a note telling them to adjourn. But when he got there the doors were locked because the Court did not want the note.

MARGARET IVES, Age 8.

SALEM LONG AGO

Roger Conant came to Salem from Cape Ann with about twenty-five other people. They found Indians here. They called it Naumkeag. It means, The Place of the Fisheries. The first thing they did was to build houses. They built log cabins.

After a while the people did not want to stay here, but Roger Conant urged them to stay and so they did. John Woodbury was sent back to England to get some other people and some food because they did not have much food. One morning the people saw a boat coming. It was the Ship Abigail. The new Governor was on the boat. His name was Governor Endicott. Soon Salem grew bigger and bigger as it is now.

OCTAVIA PEIRSON, Age 8.

DR. FULLER AND THE PEOPLE OF SALEM

When the people were sick Dr. Fuller came from Plymouth to help the people get well.

KING UPTON, Age 8.

COLONEL LESLIE AT THE NORTH BRIDGE

General Gage sent an army of British from Boston to Salem to capture some cannon from the colonists. They marched through Marblehead expecting to get to Salem, but a man heard that the British were coming and he called out, "The Red Coats are coming!" It was Sunday afternoon and the people were at church. Somebody put his head in the door and called, " The Regulars are coming!" The minister dismissed the meeting.

The colonists had torn up the bridge and the British had to repair it. When they got to Salem, they found that the draw was raised at the North Bridge.

Colonel Leslie said, "We have orders to come over this bridge and capture your cannon." He said, "Surrender, you rebels!" The reply was, "Get them if you can, find them if you can, but we will not give them up." The British started to fire, but a soldier said, "Do not fire. The colonists will give up their lives." So the British did not fire.

Colonel Leslie said, "If you will lower the bridge and let us march over we will turn around and go back to Boston." They lowered the bridge and the British marched over the bridge and turned around and went back to Boston.

BILLY NORTHEY, Age 7.

THANKSGIVING

To Grandma's house I go
Thanksgiving every year;
I eat a great big dinner
And feel so awfully queer.

When the big plum pudding comes,
It frightens me a bit,
Because they light some fire around ——
But it goes out when lit!

KATHARINE SANDERS, Age 9.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY

Long ago there came to America people called Pilgrims. They came in the ship called the Mayflower.

They had to work all the winter and all the spring. When the corn grew they invited the Indians to a party.

That was the first Thanksgiving Day.

ELINOR HARRIS, Age 7.

THE TAKING OF FORT TICONDEROGA

On the evening of May 9th, Allen and his men reached Lake Champlain. There were no boats. Some were collected but not enough to take all the men across. Eighty-three men went over the first time, then the boats were sent back.

Allen knew that the attack must be a surprise. When he turned to the east he saw a flash of gold. Then Allen said, "Let the men who are willing to go with me, poise their guns!" The guns were all poised and Allen sprang for the bulwarks and went for the sally port. Then Allen and his men went to where the parade ground was, and gave three cheers. He went up to Delaplace's room, and banged on the door and told him to surrender.

Delaplace said, "By whose authority do you bid me to surrender?"

Allen said, "In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress!"

Then Delaplace gave up his sword and with it two hundred cannon, ammunition, and military supplies. The fort that had cost England many lives and pounds fell into the hands of the Americans in ten minutes.

VIRGINIA B.ENOS, Age 9.

TO YOU

Just a little poem I write to you
To tell you that we do our best
To make these stories a success.
It must be fun for you to sit
And read these stories while you knit ——
Stories that we tried our best to do.

SALLY PARKER, Age 10.

SAYINGS FROM THE KINDERGARTEN

"I like hard work."

"I served at luncheon to-day. I should like to to-morrow, but it will be another child's turn."

CORIOLANUS

There was a famine in Rome and corn was brought from Sicily and the senators were talking about what price the plebeians had to pay. Coriolanus did not want the plebeians to have so much power, so he said, "If the plebeians want corn at the old rates they must give up their tribunes and let the senators have their rights." The plebeians were so mad at him for saying this that Coriolanus was forced to flee to the Volscians.

He asked them for an army to fight Rome. They were only too glad to have such a fine leader. They captured some cities and came very near Rome. Some of his friends came out and begged him not to take the city, but he paid no attention to them.

Then one of them said, "I see a band of ladies coming, and I think your mother and wife with your children are among them."

Coriolanus sprang up and tried to kiss his mother, but she drew back and sternly said, "First I want to know whether I am speaking to my son or enemy. Are you going to waste your own land? We must all die or become slaves if you keep on."

Coriolanus yielded and sadly replied, "Mother, this is victory for you and Rome, but shame and ruin for me!" He took away his troops and returned them. Some say in their madness they put him to death, others say he remained an exile.

MARIAN UPTON, Age 10.

CINCINNATUS

One day as Cincinnatus was plowing his field, three of the Romans came out and said, "Come back to Rome, it needs you."

When he got to Rome, one of the consuls said, "You are appointed dictator, because our other consul is surrounded by the mountain tribes."

Then Cincinnatus said, "Let every able-bodied Roman meet me at a certain place with twelve long pointed stakes and a spade."

The next night when the soldiers were all there, they were near to the mountain people. They then surrounded them and dug a deep ditch around them and behind that a palisade. When morning came the mountain people had to surrender.

Cincinnatus went home in great glory. As soon as he got back home he started plowing again.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS, Age 10.

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY

Long ago there were no white men in this country.
There were red men in this country.
There came in the Mayflower some Pilgrims.
After a hard winter the Pilgrims had a party.

MARY IVES, Age 6.

THANKSGIVING

On Thanksgiving we eat a lot——
But no more food for a little tot!
If he does, he will get sick,
And that won't be fun for brother Dick!

BENJAMIN SHREVE, Age 9

THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY

These people that were called Pilgrims came in a ship called the Mayflower. It was winter when they came. They worked hard all summer. In the next winter they had plenty to eat. These people that were called Indians were asked to the party. That was the first Thanksgiving Day.

HAMILTON BROWN, Age 6.

THE PRIDE OF THE CLAN

Once about a year ago the Mary Pickford Company came to Marblehead Neck.

They went to a hotel called the Ocean-side, and they made a darling little street and they stayed a month or two.

REBECCA BENSON, Age 7.

THE BUSINESS MANAGING OF "THE TURRET"

Delano Kennard and Stephen each keep account books for the business managing of the "Turret."

Delano writes the names of the people that subscribe to the magazine and as many as they take in his account book. He writes them down alphabetically. There are a good many names and we got ten dollars last month. This money was enough for the printing, but not for the cover. We hope to get more money the next time.

Stephen makes out cash accounts in his book.

KATHARINE SANDERS

In writing out receipts Delano and I are awfully slow and it is quite a lot of work. We had to make out a hundred and twenty. We hope to have two hundred subscribe next time with the new magazine.

Delano is the Business Manager, but since he lives in Peabody, I have to go around and pay the bills.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS

We did not have money enough to pay for printing, engraving, account books, and strong box, so we had to borrow money from Miss Runnette. We gave her a note, saying that we would pay it back in six months with four per cent interest.

The whole class made notes in our arithmetic books.

DELANO KENNARD

We had to pay the engraver's bill by money order. We all made out one in class. One afternoon Stephen went down town to pay the bills. First he went to the printer and paid her and then went to the post office to pay the engraver by money order. The whole class made out money orders.

MARIAN UPTON

NOTES FROM GRADE 1

In drawing, we made an elephant, and now we are making a house that the Pilgrims lived in.

EBEN JEWETT, Age 6.

These drawings are going to be put into a book for poor children, and if some people would get them over the ocean place, while the guns are going off and war is getting over, they could be looking at the pictures.

VIRGINIA ARNOLD, Age 6.

We play "Mrs. Sugar Bowl's Party" in school, and I like this story better than any other story.

ELIZABETH SANDERS, Age 6.

I like "Jack Horner and his Pie" best.

JEAN MISSUD, Age 6.

SCHOOL NEWS

The first number of the magazine was given to Miss Tower in the morning circle, Friday, November 2, 1917.

Miss Tower asked Marian to say some poetry. Marian came up with "The Turret" and said, "Here is a surprise."

Miss Tower laughed and laughed and was very much pleased with it.

There were not enough Turrets left, so we had to divide them up because we only got one hundred.

RUTH ROPES, Age 9.

Miss Dane came Monday, November the fifth, to help in the first and second grades. She plays games with us at recess. She does not teach the fifth or sixth grades at all, but only the smaller children.

Every Thanksgiving we bring food to school for the poor. Last year we fed five large families. This year there will be a basket in every room to fill. We usually start bringing food a few days before Thanksgiving because the food would not keep if we brought it too early.

KATHARINE SANDERS, Age 9.

At recess time we play Red Rover while the little children play on a ladder. The fifth and sixth grades with a few of the fourth and third grades play it. The game is played having one person standing in the middle of the garden, and all the children on one side, and when the person in the middle shouts, "Red Rover, Red Rover, come over, come over!" then you run over to the other side of the garden, and the person in the middle tries to catch you. If you are caught you have to help catch the rest, the next time he calls.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS, Age 10.

In French we have some French reading books. The name is "Contes et Legendes." They are very interesting. French is very interesting.

SALLY PARKER

Billy Barker isn't coming to Kindergarten any more because he has moved to Boston. We miss him very much.

"EXCHANGES"

1 So. Pine St.
Salem, Mass.
Nov. 5, 1917

Dear Fanny,

One day Miss Runnette said, "We are going to make a magazine, and keep it a surprise to Miss Tower."

All that period we voted for the editors and managers. In the next drawing period we made covers for the magazine and voted which was best. Katharine Sanders' was voted the best.

Then we had to wait a week for the printing. Stephen and I had to go up to Miss Warner's house to make out receipts.

Friday we gave it to Miss Tower and she was very much surprised.

After morning circle, I went around selling it. Miss Runnette ordered one hundred magazines and there are nine left, and I have more subscriptions than I can give magazines for, so soon there won't be any left.

I hope you will like "THE TURRET" very much. Miss Warner is going to send it to you every month.

Your loving friend,
Delano Kennard

Extract from Fanny Curtis's letter:—

I received a copy of "THE TURRET" yesterday from Miss Warner and I thought it was very nice. You placed Ben just right as Joke Editor, I think.

Extract from Audrey Tower's letter:—

I think the magazine is fine. I think Ruth's poem was the funniest I ever read. I wish what Stephen wrote would go into the Kaiser's head. Please tell Marian I think her poem about "Summer Bells" is awfully pretty.

1 South Pine Street,
Salem, Mass.
Nov. 5, 1917

Dear Charles and Katherine,

We made a surprise for Miss Tower. It is a magazine and we are sending you one. We waited two weeks for it and it was a long time. We sold a hundred and they were ten cents apiece. And I hope you will like it.

Lovingly,
Margaret Ives

Note:—Mrs. Fabens came to see us on Monday, and said Katherine and Charles were writing to tell us how much they like "THE TURRET."

JOKES

My mother and I were walking down Chestnut Street one afternoon and I saw Mrs. Nichols, Ruth and Margaret. I said to my mother "There goes fifteen cents down street!"

BENJAMIN SHREVE, Age 9.

One day in arithmetic Ruth said, "A man sold fifteen autos for thirteen dollars." Everyone began to laugh and Ruth wondered what it was about.

Once Miss Runnette said to Richard, "Please sit up straight." Richard sat up straight and Miss Runnette said, "That's it." Richard said, "That sit."

DELANO KENNARD, Age 10.

When I brought home the October number of "THE TURRET." I showed it to the maids and one of them thought we ran a jitney bus, because in the Editorial Staff it said Bus. Manager.

STEPHEN PHILLIPS, Age 10.

Ben said. "I don't know whether this is a joke or not. My mother asked me if I had any handkerchiefs, and I pulled out seven dirty little balls, and she laughed."

In Arithmetic the fifth grade are beginning fractions. Miss Warner asked Richard what a unit was. He said the United States was a unit.

KATHARINE SANDERS

Yesterday in Geography Stephen was talking about Minneapolis and St. Paul. Stephen called them the twin sisters instead of the twin cities.

DELANO M. KENNARD

DIRTY HANDS

Once upon a time when Daniel Webster was a little boy in school he did something bad, so the principal called him up to the front of the room, and said, "Daniel, put out your hand, I am going to whip you." Daniel put out his hand and it was black. He had the other one behind him. "Daniel Webster, I believe you have the dirtiest hands in this school. If you can find a dirtier hand in this room you may go without your whipping." So Daniel put out his other hand, and went without his licking.

VIRGINIA, Age 9.